

Commenter	Comment	Response to Comments
Saundra Edwards	<p>Commenter objects to the proposed B/ATCP amendments and 56 Acre Park Master Plan IS/MND. The comment states that the IS/MND is deficient and does not consider impacts to the Pony Express Trail, the Lincoln Highway, the TRPA designated scenic corridor, or the California State Scenic Highway.</p> <p>The commenter states that Director of Development Services Hilary Roverud, Councilmember Middlebrook, three members of the Planning Commission and a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission have a conflict of interest.</p>	<p>The comment contends that the 56 Acre Master Plan would degrade the historical Pony Express Trail and Lincoln Highway. However, there are few historic remains of the actual Pony Express Trail because the solitary rides left little physical trace of their passage. Also, the trail alignment often changed from week to week, so a precise location has not been mapped in the Lake Tahoe Basin. It is true that numerous historic sites are associated with the trail, including within the Lake Tahoe Basin. However, none of these mapped historical sites (i.e., Friday Station, Pony Express Rider statue, and the Lincoln Highway/Lake Tahoe) are located in the project area. Similarly, there is little physical evidence of the historical Lincoln Highway in the project vicinity. The IS/MND evaluated the effects of the Master Plan on cultural and historic resources on pages 3-50 through 3-55. It determined that with mitigation incorporated, the Master Plan would have a less-than-significant impact on historic resources.</p> <p>As stated in the IS/ND under aesthetics (page 3-6), US 50 is not an officially designated state scenic highway in the project area, though it is listed as an eligible route. Nevertheless, the effects of the Master Plan on views from US 50 were evaluated, as described below.</p> <p>The IS/MND considered the effects on the TRPA-designated scenic corridor on pages 3-8 through 3-12. The analysis, which is</p>

		<p>supported by five visual simulations and an analysis consistent with TRPA's methods for evaluating effects on scenic roadway corridors, concluded that the proposed Master Plan would have less than significant impact on the scenic corridor.</p> <p>The comments alleging conflicts of interest do not address environmental issues and do not require a response under 14 Cal. Code Regs. section 15204(a). The City notes for the record that Development Services Director Hilary Roverud received formal advice from the Fair Political Practices Commission and has not participated in governmental decisions on this project. Additionally, Councilmember Middlebrook confirmed with the Fair Political Practices Commission that his income from the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency does not create a financial conflict of interest under the Political Reform Act, Government Code section 82030.</p>
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